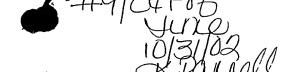
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## PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Applicants hereby petition that the period for response to the Office Action, dated June 5, 2002, be extended for two (2) months to November 5, 2002.

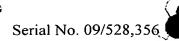
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A Response Transmittal and Fee Authorization for the two (2) month extension fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a) is submitted herewith. In the event that the Response Transmittal and Fee Authorization is not present, is not sufficient, or is not acceptable, please charge any fee (other than issue fee) required during the pendency of this U.S. patent application to Sidley Austin Brown & Wood LLP's Deposit Account No. 18-1260.

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